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Docket No. GC372

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In re Application of)
Timothy Fowler et al.) Group Art Unit: 1802
Serial No. 08/876,132))
Filed: June 23, 1997) Examiner: Unassigned)
For: Improved <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> Fermentation Strains))

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please consider and enter the following comments and amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the attached Sequence Listing after as pages 13-16.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please renumber the claims as pages 17 and 18. Please renumber the Abstract as page 19.

REMARKS

Applicants are amending the above-identified application pursuant to the Notice to Comply With the Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosure. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments and respectfully request that these amendments be entered into the above-identified application.

The appropriate fee is submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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